



The Wastewater Utility Division/Industrial Pretreatment & Pollution Prevention Section won a national level prestigious award from the [National Pollution Prevention Roundtable](#) that is made up of EPA, States and environmental organizations across the country. The growing discipline of pollution prevention work within both the public and private sectors owes its success to the promotion nationally and especially within EPA by the Roundtable. The City of Albuquerque, Wastewater Division was one of the early recipients of small seed grants under the Pollution Prevention Incentives to States in the early 1990's that helped to introduce source control and waste minimization P2 principles into the Industrial Pretreatment Program. Since the early 1990's our program has gained in national recognition and today has been awarded a coveted "[Most Valuable Pollution Prevention Award](#)" within the national organization.

The City was awarded this distinction in very good company and through close competition with some 70 other programs. The 15 judges were from both the private and public sectors and used five criteria: Innovation, Measurable Results, Transferability, Commitment, and Optimization of Available Resources. The City entry profiled positive results shown by our program during 2000-2002 under EPA's Project XL (Excellence and Leadership) pilot program. Our City was the first Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program accepted nationally in 2000 under the special EPA XL pilot projects. This is perhaps even more significant than the 1999 National and Regional EPA Awards of Excellence the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment/Pollution Prevention Program received since the Roundtable has so many excellent programs to choose from. Congratulations go out to all staff and the Division for supporting the efforts of our integrated Pretreatment & Pollution Prevention Program. This award is worthy of significant public notice since many of our stakeholders are those in other agencies, businesses and professions that have joined our efforts and partnered many successes in reducing pollution within wastewater and the environment.

An awards ceremony was held Sept. 18th in Washington D.C. at the Senate Hart Office Building on Capitol Hill. The New Mexico congressional delegation received notice of this award and the ceremony. A federal Environmental Executive, Mr. John Howard, and other high ranking EPA officials were present at the ceremony.